

# Yolo County Health Council

June 25, 2020

Minutes

EVAN PRIESTLEY, CHAIR  
JENEBA LAHAI, VICE-CHAIR

**YOLO COUNTY HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY**

GONZALEZ BUILDING, COMMUNITY ROOM

25 NORTH COTTONWOOD STREET,

WOODLAND, CA 95695

The Yolo County Health Council met on the 25<sup>th</sup> Day of June 2020, at 10:00 a.m. via video or teleconferencing.

**VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT:** Michael Wilkes, District 2; Carri Ziegler, District 3; Valerie Olson, District 5; Michelle Famula, At-Large Member; Pat Moore-Pickett, At-Large Member; Dawn Myers, Commission on Aging & Adult Services; Lori Duisenberg, First 5 Yolo; Kathleen Middings, MCAH Advisory Board; Jeneba Lahai, Yolo County Children’s Alliance; Nicki King, Local Mental Health Board; Evan Priestley, CommuniCare Health Centers; Tatyana Bak, Elica Health Centers; Mark Ho, Kaiser Permanente; Arzoo Mojadedi, Northern Valley Indian Health; Chris Kelsch, Winters Health Care

**VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT:** Barbara Boehler, District 4; John Tan, At-Large Member; Celeste Armstrong, EMCC; Dustin Lyda, Partnership Healthplan of California; Craig Blomberg, Sutter Health; Tandy Burton, Woodland Health Care

**STAFF & GUESTS PRESENT:** Ron Chapman, Health Officer; Leigh Harrington, Medical Director of Behavioral Health; Brielle Nicole Mansell, Public; Stacey McCall, Winters Health Care; Natasha Nelson, Delta Protection Commission; Mindi Nunes, County Administrator’s Office; Nikki Ochoa, Public; Lincoln Paschke, Public; Supervisor Jim Provenza, District 4; Supervisor Don Saylor, District 2; Cyndi Sechler, Secretary, HHSA; Sara Simmons, Asst. Deputy to Supervisor Saylor; Tara Thronson, Deputy to Supervisor Saylor; John Troidl, Public; Brian Vaughn, Public Health Director, HHSA; Jessica White, Elica Health Centers; Tia Will, Public; Brenda Wright, Northern Valley Indian Health

**10:00 A.M. CALL TO ORDER**

The June 25, 2020 Health Council meeting was called to order at 10:03 a.m. by Evan Priestley, Health Council Chair.

1. **WELCOME** – *Evan Priestley, Health Council Chair*
2. **ROLL CALL** – *Cyndi Sechler, Health Council Secretary*  
Roll call for voting members was taken and quorum was not confirmed at that time.
3. **CONSIDER APPROVAL OF AGENDA** – *Evan Priestley, Health Council Chair*  
Council members could not approve the June 25, 2020 agenda as quorum was not met at that time.
4. **APPROVE THE JUNE 11, 2020 MINUTES** – *Evan Priestley, Health Council Chair*  
Council members could not approve the June 11, 2020 minutes as quorum was not met at that time.
5. **STATE AND COUNTY UPDATE** – *Mindi Nunes, CAO Representative*
  - **State Budget:** The State budget is expected to be signed within the next couple of days. The budget provides Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) funding to local jurisdictions, it did not receive direct allocation in the beginning so the CARES funding will be able to offset a lot of the costs related expenditures and pandemic.
  - **County Budget:** The recommended budget was approved on June 9<sup>th</sup>, and we will be working over the next couple of months on the County’s adopted budget which is due September 24<sup>th</sup>. The initial revenue projected related to reduced local sales tax receipts and state tax related allocations, indicates that we will need to reduce the County’s budget by another \$8-10 million over recommended budget.
6. **BOARD OF SUPERVISORS UPDATE** – *Supervisor Don Saylor, District 2*
  - **County Budget:** The budget process for Yolo County is underway. We adopted our proposed budget, which was \$493 million, with about \$84 million in general fund. It was mostly a steady budget, but it was constructive considering the situation we are in. The budget will come back in September and by

that point we will have more information. We are experiencing revenue downturn based on the economics circumstance as well as the additional expenditures to respond to the COVID pandemic, so looking at the \$84 million general fund we now have a \$13 million hole related to those two topics.

- **Compliment:** Supervisor Saylor thanked Brian Vaughn, Michelle Famula, Jeneba Lahai, and Sheila Allen for their panel, and the special speaker, that the League of Woman Voters held last night on a Zoom webinar titled “What has the COVID crisis unveiled about healthcare access and affordability in Yolo County?”.

**7. COMMUNITY HEALTH BRANCH REPORT – Brian Vaughn, Public Health Director**

PowerPoint: [Yolo County COVID-19 Update](#)

- Some of the items covered included:
  - Case updates
  - Testing demographic data
  - Testing by providers and labs
  - Contact tracing update
  - Current efforts

**8. HEALTH OFFICER REPORT – Ron Chapman, Health Officer**

- **Retirement:** Dr. Chapman announced he is retiring, and this will be his last Health Council meeting as the County Health Officer with his last day of work will be June 30<sup>th</sup>.
- **COVID:** We are overwhelmed 24/7 with the pandemic response. Nationwide we are seeing a surge of cases in several states as well as hospitalizations, and in California, our region and in our county, we are not exempt. The increase of cases is largely due to large social gatherings, family gatherings, and people not social distancing and not wearing face coverings.

**9. CONSIDER RECOMMENDATIONS ON COVID-19 – Evan Priestley, Health Council Chair**

Evan asked Council members for recommendations or their thoughts for formalizing some of the ideas that came out of the previous discussion for any further recommendations or next steps.

- The role of the Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC) in the communities.
- Outreach and general information creating better clarity on how each health system interacting with the response with the County.
- Strategically look at where we want to be and what the needs are that need to be addressed; and then strategically look at what is happening in the FQHC, the health department, the labs, and come up with a plan as our role as the Health Council.
- Additional information around the needs in the communities for testing and outreach and how is that measured plus seeking specifically feedback from particularly vulnerable populations on perception on what the needs might be.
- Clarify the recommendation for who should be seeking testing.

**10. HEALTH COUNCIL ROLE IN HEALTH EQUITY – Evan Priestley, Health Council Chair**

At the last meeting, we talked about having a panel, and we had named some people to be on a panel to help inform the Health Council so that the Health Council could make perhaps more evidence based or more informed recommendations.

Evan had a great conversation with Sandy Holman, and Sandy respectfully declined to be on a panel, because in her experience it does not make any of the changes happen.

Evan asked the level of commitment with Health Council for what we want our approach to be. An example Evan gave was Sandy’s approach, which would include a yearlong commitment with monthly meetings, and weekly homework that gets emailed out so in between the meetings people are proactively doing some work. The Council discussed several options.

**11. REPRESENTATIVE REPORT OUT & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

No representative report outs or announcements.

**12. PUBLIC COMMENT**

**Nikki Ochoa, Public** – Shared her concerns and frustrations about COVID-19.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**13. NEXT MEETING** – July 9, 2020 from 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

**The meeting was adjourned at 12:04 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted by:



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Cyndi Sechler, Secretary  
Yolo County Health Council